### **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **STAFF NOTE**

#### **Action/Consent Item:**

Certification of Non-Public Schools

### **Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KRS 156.160(3)

#### **Action Question:**

Should the Kentucky Board of Education accept the following recommendations of the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission to certify for the designated period of time the following schools?

# ONE year (July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007) Accredited by the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission.

Holy Family Elementary Ms. Patricia Leonard 338 East 16<sup>th</sup> Street Covington, KY 41014

Saint Mark Elementary Sr. Benita DeMatteis 115 Parrish Avenue Richmond, KY 40475

Saints Peter and Paul Elementary Mr. Harry Luebbers 2160 California Cross Road California, KY 41007 Saint John Elementary Ms. Kathleen Boothe 106 Military Street Georgetown, KY 40324

Saint Mary Elementary Ms. Barbara Albaugh 1121 Main Street Paris, KY 40361

ONE year (July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007) Accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International.

Cornerstone Christian Academy Mr. Matt Maxwell 3850 Frankfort Road Shelbyville, KY 40065

# FOUR years (July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2010) Accredited by the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission.

Harvest Christian Academy Mr. John Bower 1 Schoolhouse Road, Box 100 South Portsmouth, KY 41174

# FIVE years (July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2011) Accredited by the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission.

Ascension Elementary Ms. Mary Jo Ellis 4600 Lynnbrook Drive Louisville, KY 40220

Holy Family Elementary Ms. Gayle Bauch 3934 Poplar Level Road Louisville, KY 40213

Holy Trinity Elementary Ms. Mary Alice Zettel 423 Cherrywood Road Louisville, KY 40207

Mary Queen of Heaven Elementary Ms. Melissa Holzmacher 1130 Donaldson Highway Erlanger, KY 41018

Northside Baptist Christian School Ms. Jan Lewis 711 North 12<sup>th</sup> Street Mayfield, KY 42066

Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary Ms. Laura Glaser 510 Breckenridge Lane Louisville, KY 40207

Saint Augustine Elementary Sr. Ruth Agnes Delaney Blessed Sacrament Elementary Ms. Maureen Hannon 2407 Dixie Highway Fort Mitchell, KY 41017

Holy Name Elementary Mr. Daryl Hagan 628 Second Street Henderson, KY 42420

Lexington Montessori Ms. Moira Skinner 319 South Broadway Park Lexington, KY 40504

Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Ms. Linda Keller 605 Hill'n Dale Road Lexington, KY 40503

Oneida Baptist Institute Mr. Dan Stockton and Ms. Connie Belcher 1 Mulberry Street, Box 1 Oneida, KY 40972

Saint Aloysius Mr. Wayland Johnston 122 Mt. Mercy Drive, Box 190 Pewee Valley, KY 40056

Saint Camillus Academy Elementary Sr. Juanita Nadicksbernd

203 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street Augusta, KY 41002

Saint Catherine Tri-Parish School Ms. Jo Renee O'Bryan 413 1st Street New Haven, KY 40051

Saint Francis of Assisi Sr. Kathleen Morrissey 147 Bryan Street Pikeville, KY 41501

Saint James Elementary Sr. Michael Marie Friedman 114 North Miles Street Elizabethtown, KY 42701

Saint Joseph Academy Sr. Reinette Kroeger 4011 Alexandria Pike Cold Spring, KY 41076

Saint Philip Elementary Sr. Dolores Gohs 1400 Mary Ingles Highway Melbourne, KY 41059

Notre Dame Academy Ms. Bernice Scherr 1927 Lewiston Drive Louisville, KY 40216 709 Roy Kidd Avenue Corbin, KY 40701

Saint Francis of Assisi Elementary Ms. Paula Watkins 1938 Alfresco Place Louisville, KY 40205

Saint Henry Elementary Mr. Phil Gessner 3825 Dixie Highway Erlanger, KY 41018

Saint James Elementary Ms. Collette Dumstorf 1818 Edenside Avenue Louisville, KY 40204

Saint Martha Elementary Ms. Sharon Dutton 2825 Klondike Lane Louisville, KY 41218

Saint Rita Elementary Dr. Mary Lee Lanning 8709 Preston Highway Louisville, KY 40219

FIVE years (July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2011) Dual-Accredited by the National Lutheran School Accreditation and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Gloria Dei Lutheran School Mr. William Knea 1711 Ring Road East Elizabethtown, KY 42701

### **History/Background:**

*Existing Policy.* KRS 156.160(3) provides that any "private, parochial or church school may voluntarily comply with curriculum, certification, and textbook standards established by the Kentucky Board of Education and be certified upon application to the Board by such schools."

The process used to certify non-public schools prior to 1990 was linked to 704 KAR 10:022, which defined the public school accreditation process. Non-public schools were assessed as to compliance with five of eleven major standards set for public school accreditation. Both public and non-public schools were on a five-year renewal schedule.

The public and non-public school certification/accreditation process prior to 1990 emphasized inputs and process rather than outcomes, such as student achievement. With the passage of the 1990 Education Reform Act, the focus shifted to an outcome-based system and state accreditation ceased to exist. Thus, an alternative approach to the voluntary certification of non-public schools as required by KRS 156.160(3) had to be designed.

The Kentucky Department of Education turned to the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission to work collaboratively to design a new certification process, and at the September 1992 meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education approved a process to certify non-public schools. The Board now certifies schools by accepting the recommendations of the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission. The Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission ensures that the schools being presented to the Board for certification have successfully completed the accreditation process of one of the ten state, regional or national accrediting agencies approved for this purpose by the Board.

At the August 2006 meeting, staff will bring forward a review of the non-public school certification process for discussion since it has been in place for a number of years.

### **Staff Recommendation(s) and Rationale(s):**

Staff recommends that the Board endorse the recommendation for certification of the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission.

The Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission has worked closely with the Kentucky Board of Education and the Kentucky Department of Education to establish the certification process for non-public schools. The Commission has appointed a coordinator for the project and monitors the process carefully before making the recommendations presented here.

The schools listed above have successfully completed the accreditation process conducted by the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission, Association of Christian Schools International, National Lutheran School Accreditation and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

# **Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:**

The Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission recommends certification for the schools listed for the designated periods of time.

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### **Date:**

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